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Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Alie McQueen, 13 Cr. 824 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

I write briefly in advance of Alie McQueen's September 5 sentencing on his supervised release violations. Mr. McQueen has pled guilty to specifications one (unsuccessful discharge from halfway house), two (failure to report to probation officer), and six (failure to notify of arrest).

My understanding is that the parties agree that the Court should sentence Mr. McQueen to a period of imprisonment, but should not impose any additional period of supervised release. The Probation Office says in its violation papers that "it appears all efforts to provide rehabilitative services during three terms of community supervision have been unsuccessful" and that "Mr. McQueen is not amenable to community supervision." I am sadly in agreement in the sense that Mr. McQueen appears not to have benefited from the Probation Office's sincere efforts over the past several years. I remind the Court, however, that Mr. McQueen suffers from serious cognitive limitations and is likely intellectually disabled—he has an IQ of 61, cannot read or write, and moreover has a history of depression, PTSD, and substance abuse. These limitations are at least partially responsible for his failures. In any event, additional supervision at this point would serve no obvious purpose.

As for the incarceratory component of the sentence, the Guidelines range is 4 to 10 months. I would typically request four months given the non-violent nature of Mr. McQueen's Grace C violations; but I understand that some extra prison time is likely warranted should the Court determine, as the parties recommend, that it will not impose a

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period of supervised release. I accordingly recommend a prison term of six or eight months. (I believe the Probation Office and Government intend to recommend 10 months.)

Sincerely,

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